

May 27, 1983

Mr. Larry Adams, Vice President
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Re: Ryan Building Demolition

Dear Larry:

As you are aware, the Dade Heritage Trust is South Florida's principal preservation organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and restoration of historic properties throughout this area of the state. We are primarily interested in helping private industry find productive adaptive uses for historic structures which help create a "living" architectural and cultural history of our area.

Thus, we were greatly saddened when we belatedly learned of your organization's decision to demolish the Ryan Building. As an individual who grew up near the shores of the Miami River, I, like many others, grew to love the Ryan Building for its graceful lines and majestic columns. It was truly one of a kind and a treasured gem of early Miami. I think it is enough to say that both the printed and television media accurately expressed Dade Heritage Trust's philosophy and feeling toward the demolition of so important a structure.

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However, we were truly pleased when your District General Manager, Frank Thompson, informed us that certain valuable artifacts had been carefully removed from the building prior to its destruction in order to preserve part of its history. Frank was kind enough to show these items to us and, on behalf of the Company, has offered them to the Dade Heritage Trust for preservation and appropriate usage. We are particularly delighted with the section of ceiling and the bronze column expansion bands. It is our hope to be able to share these items with other Miamians by displaying them in a suitable environment. Therefore, let me formally and gratefully accept the Ryan momentos on behalf of the Dade Heritage Trust membership.

We are hopeful that the future will find our respective organizations working in close coordination to preserve both energy and history in order to insure a continuing high quality of life for ourselves and succeeding generations.

Yours very truly,


Donald D. Slesnick II
President

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cc: D.H.T. Board of Trustees
Mr. Frank Thompson, FP&L